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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 5-9 are still withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The previous rejection is withdrawn pursuant to Applicant's December 20, 2005 Amendment and REMARKS.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 1-4 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Menninger et al., US 6,954,736.

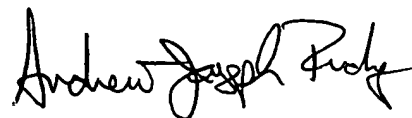
Menninger discloses a supply chain having disparate systems, e.g. 102, 116, 118, 120, for exposing transaction status, e.g. Figs. 79, 88, and notification activity received from the trading partner system, e.g. Fig. 142, 14200.

Menninger does not disclose the term identifier. Official Notice is taken that unique identifiers associated with a electronic transaction have been common knowledge in the art preceding Applicant's filing date. To have provided such for Menninger would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Official Notice. It is noted that Menninger would inherently contain an identifier associated with each notification sent for the various electronic transactions completed by Menninger. To have provided unique ones for various trading partners would have been an obvious expedient for one of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant's December 20, 2005 REMARKS have been reviewed, but are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection.

3. Further references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander G. Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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